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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING APRIL AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER AND PORTLAND

Approximately 42.8 million pounds of fresh fish, spread among 21 classifications and valued at \$1,156,000, were landed during April by fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin No. 1424.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents an increase of 7.4 million pounds, or 21 percent, in volume, but a decrease of \$106,000, or 8 percent, in value. In April 1940 the catch amounted to 16.3 million pounds, valued at \$629,000. This low figure of a year ago, however, is chiefly accounted for by the labor controversy in Boston which tied up fishing activities during its duration.

Average price per pound of all species landed during April 1941 amounted to 2.7 cents, compared with 3.9 cents for the same month a year ago.

For the four-month period ending with April, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 126,692,000 pounds, valued at \$4,301,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 92,547,000 pounds, worth \$3,317,000.

Boston landings totaled 28,054,000 pounds, valued at \$834,000. The April 1940 catch amounted to 12,398,000 pounds, worth \$513,000.

Most abundant species in the Boston landings included: large haddock (9.3 million pounds, valued at \$309,000); large cod (4.7 million pounds, valued at \$111,000); market cod (4.5 million pounds, at \$107,000); scrod haddock (4.3 million pounds, valued at \$127,000); rosefish (2.3 million pounds, worth \$48,000); and pollock (1.3 million pounds, valued at \$28,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 11,509,000 pounds, valued at \$242,000. Rosefish, with 9 million pounds, worth \$178,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during April amounted to 3,210,000 pounds, worth \$79,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 1,204,000 pounds, valued at \$21,000.

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